

OBAMA AND MCCAIN CROSS WORDS

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Many cross words are exchanged by the two presidential candidates and their adherents during an electoral campaign, and 2008 has been no exception. However, this is no documentation of their billingsgate, but instead a presentation of crossed words. OBAMA and MCCAIN form a cross in a five-by-six word rectangle:

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The other nine words in the rectangle remain to be filled in. All but one can be found in the Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary (or are plurals of such words). It is up to the reader to determine where the words clued below should be placed the grid. (Hint: start with the last two clues.)

For Muslims, these courts are supreme (6)

In this volume, the weight is extreme (5)

Like a bone in the pelvis, I deem (5)

Strides matching a pr-agreed mark (5)

A monkeylike beast of the dark (5)

To make possible, activate, spark (6)

Like a loathsome disease of the skin (6)

The consort of old Auntie Min (5)

I'll sell it once more, for a pin (6)